start a College without a building, and so we have to look to some non-official agency which would be prepared to start the College. As I said, for the present we have deferred the matter. My information is that there are a number of Men's Colleges in Malabar and they are freely admitting girl students into them."

Dr. K. B. MENON:—"In view of the fact that the Government cannot start a separate College, may I know whether they will take steps to at least reserve sufficient number of seats for girl students in the existing Colleges?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"The suggestion will be considered and necessary action taken."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"The Hon. Minister said that the question of starting a separate Women's College at Cannanore is at present being deferred. In view of the fact that the public are prepared to collect a lakh of rupees for the starting of the College and as this cannot be done in a day or two, but will take at least a year, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give us an assurance that the College will be opened so that collection work can be started from now?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"All non-official agencies are perfectly free to carry on with their efforts. The matter will be sympathetically considered by the Government in the light of the prevailing financial circumstances."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR:—"In view of the fact that any non-official agency may take a year or two to collect funds and in view of the fact that the work of such a non-official agency would be greatly facilitated if a definite and tangible assurance is given by the Government that the College would be opened, may I know whether the Government are prepared to give such an assurance?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"If the question at issue is, whether the Government are prepared to give an assurance that a Government College would be started, then I may inform the hon. Member that I am not in a position to give such an assurance in the present financial circumstances and in view of the fact that a new Second Grade College has been started this year. But any offer from the public will be sympathetically considered and the Government will do their best in the light of the financial circumstances in the near future."

Alleged large-scale evictions in Ramanathapuram district.

* 276 *Q.*—Sri T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation has been received by the Government from the villagers of Paraiyankulam, Thirupuvanam firka, Sivaganga taluk, Ramanathapuram district, complaining of large scale evictions by the landholders; and

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(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take to stop such evictions?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The representation was transferred to the Collector of Ramanathapuram for disposal. The question whether a person in occupation of a land in an estate is liable to be evicted by the landholder depends upon the terms on which that person holds the land and the law governing the relations between him and the landholder."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" May I know in these evictions how many tenants are involved and how many villages are involved? " 2-50 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I have not got the information here."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" As an immediate measure of amelioration, will the Government think of extending the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyals Protection Bill to Ramanathapuram? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" I thought that to-day at least I could forget it. He is again reminding me about that." (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER:—" Order, order, there is too much of noise in the House. I am not able to follow the interpellations."

Recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee.

• 277 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee, Madras, 1948, reported at pages 19, 48 and 63 for the uplift of the Madigas and Chukkilians have been implemented; and

(b) if not, why?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) The Government have taken action to implement the recommendations specified in paragraph 3 at page 19 of the report. The other recommendations were not accepted.

" (b) The other recommendations were not accepted as the Government considered that it was undersirable to perpetuate the differences among the several sub-sects of the Harijans by marking out a few sub-sects from among them for higher priority in the welfare work. It was felt that these differences among the various sub-sects of the Harijan community would disappear gradually with the spread of education among them and that it is unnecessary to amend the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act with a view to make it apply *inter se* to the several sub-groups within the Harijan community."